

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 are pending.

Double Patenting

According to the instant Office Action, Claims 1-10 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-30 of U.S. Patent No. 6,996,618. A terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR § 1.321 is being submitted concurrent with the instant response, thereby obviating the double patenting rejection.

Conclusions

In light of the above remarks, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the rejected claims.

The Examiner is invited to contact Applicants' undersigned representative if the Examiner believes such action would expedite resolution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,
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